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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
BIG TUJUNGA DAM UNDERGROUND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST NEAR SUNLAND
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the project to restore utilities lost in the Station Fire and improve existing utility systems at Big Tujunga Dam in the Angeles National Forest near Sunland, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Big Tujunga Dam Underground Utility Improvement Project, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,500,000 and \$1,750,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on December 16, 2014, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to approve and advertise the project, adopt the plans and specifications, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Chief Engineer of the District or her designee to carry out this project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved utility infrastructure at an operational flood control dam.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$1,750,000. The total project cost is \$1,800,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes approximately \$270,000 for design, inspection, contract administration, and change order contingency.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' program for the restoration of facilities damaged by the Station Fire. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 130 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in April 2015 and be completed in October 2015.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the District to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the District to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the District to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Construction of the underground utilities is proposed along the existing paved access road and will have no impact to the waters of the United States. The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Article 19, Sections 15302 (c), 15302 (d), and 15301 (m) of the CEQA Guidelines; and Classes 1 (x-21) and 2 (e, f) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These classes include undergrounding of existing aboveground utility facilities, replacement of existing utility systems involving negligible expansion of capacity, and conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Board will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved utility infrastructure at an operational flood control dam.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
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Internal Services Department (Countywide
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